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in re Application of:	<u> </u>
Kazumi Okuro et al.))
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 30, 2008, applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims of the Group I invention, Claims 1-9. The election is made with traverse.

Regarding traversal, the special technical character of the present invention is a halohydrin compound of the general formula (12), which includes a compound of the general formulas (6) and (19). Each claim relates to a process of that compound, its raw materials or a pharmaceutical intermediate from said compound, or the compound

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itself. Accordingly, applicants submit the application claims satisfy the unity of invention requirement and should be examined together.

Respectfully submitted,

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